## Message Text

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SUBJECT: ALLEGED SOVIET SPY THREAT HERE DRAWS CONTINUED ATTENTION

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- 1. A SECOND LOCAL NEWSPAPER HAS WARNED OF SOVIET ESPIONAGE THREAT TO ICELAND AS TOPIC CONTINUES TO RECEIVE PROMINENT ATTENTION HERE.
- 2. INDEPENDENCE PARTY-AFFILIATED VISIR CARRIED EDITORIALS BOTH FEBRUARY 8 AND 9 WHICH CITED INCREASE IN STAFF OF SOVIET EMBASSY HERE FROM 32 TO 40 IN PAST TWO YEARS AND URGED GOI TO INVESTIGATE THIS DEVELOPMENT. PAPER ALSO DEVOTED LEAD NEWS ITEM FEBRUARY 8 TO RUNDOWN OF SIZES OF REYKJAVIK DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS (OF WHICH SOVIETS' IS BY FAR LARGEST) UNDER HEADLINE "ONE THIRD OF FOREIGN EMBASSY EMPLOYEES ARE SOVIETS."

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3. AUTHORITATIVE IP DAILY MORGUNBLADID, WHICH
TOUCHED OFF CURRENT WAVE OF INTEREST IN SUBJECT
(REFTEL), CONTINUES TO DWELL ON IT. PAPER CARRIED
LONG AND DETAILED ANALYSIS FEBRARY 6 OF WHAT IT SAW
AS SUSPICIOUS SOVIET ACTIVITIES HERE AND FOLLOWED
THIS UP WITH FEBRUARY 9 EDITORIAL CALLING ON GOI TO
INVESTIGATE AND MONITOR NOT ONLY SOVIET EMBASSY ACTIV-

ITY BUT ALSO THAT OF NOVOSTI NEWS AGENCY AND SOVIET RESEARCH TEAMS OPERATING LOCALLY.

4. PEOPLES ALLIANCE DAILY THJODVILJINN HAS TAKEN UP ISSUE IN RELATIVELY SUBDUED FASHION WITH EFFORT TO EQUATE SOVIET DOINGS HERE WITH THOSE OF ANY OTHER DIPLOMATIC MISSION. ACCORDING TO THJODVILJINN, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT KGB OPERATES IN ICELAND BUT SO DO CIA AND CHINESE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. PAPER MAINTAINS GOI SHOULD INVESTIGATE ALL SUCH ACTIVITIES.

5. PROGRESSIVE PARTY'S DAILY TIMINN - CHARACTERISTICALLY - HAS IGNORED ISSUE THUS FAR. BLAKE

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